

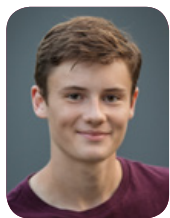


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## Congratulations To The Class Of 2019

Congratulations to this year's Class of 2019 Top 10 students: Valedictorian, William Johnson, Salutatorian, Emma Goodman, Adam Drake, Annaliese Hersom, Hunter Leach, Jared Fregoe, MacKenzie Rosse, Benjamin Bowman, Leah Gale, and Lydia Campbell.



**William Johnson**  
Valedictorian

William Johnson is the President of both the National Honor Society and the Class of 2019. He also participates in Math League, is a member of the Outdoor Adventure Club, and volunteers for the school branch of the Tonawanda Valley Federal Credit Union. Will has played boys soccer for six years at Byron-Bergen and received an Athletic Varsity Letter for playing soccer. Will is a part of both the "Hundred Club" and "5 Club" for receiving a perfect score of 100 on the United States History Regents Exam and a 5 on the AP United States History Exam. Will has been a Gold Scholar Card holder throughout High School and received the Scholar Program Award, in addition to receiving his Academic Varsity Letter, the Dartmouth Alumni Book Club Award, Dawn Gruendike Memorial Award, Math Department Award, NYSED Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Award, and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal. Will is the son of Noel and Lori Johnson and will be attending the University at Buffalo in the fall to study Electrical Engineering.



**Emma Goodman**  
Salutatorian

Emma Goodman is the Secretary of the Byron-Bergen chapter of the National Honor Society. She has participated in cross country, tennis, and competition cheerleading, as well as Math League, Spanish Club, and Art Club. She has been a member of the Byron-Bergen Concert Band for nine years, and participated in color guard until becoming part of the marching band. Emma designed the current Byron-Bergen Music Boosters logo and won the Computer Generated Art category in the 2019 Genesee County STOP-DWI poster contest. Emma has received an Academic Varsity Letter, the NYSED Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, and is also the recipient of the Scholar Program Award. She's been involved in many community projects through her church, including serving with and supporting Athletes in Action and CompassCare Pregnancy Services. She has completed one year toward a STEM Accelerated Degree through the Genesee Community College ACE Program and plans to finish her degree before transferring to pursue a Bachelor's in marketing or design. Emma is the daughter of Steven and Jeanne Goodman.

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## CLASS OF 2019 TOP 10 STUDENTS

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**Adam Drake** is a member of National Honor Society and Varsity Club. He participated in Varsity soccer, where he won two Genesee Region League titles, one Section V title, and made a New York State Finals appearance as a junior. As a senior he was a Genesee Region All-Star. During his time at Byron-Bergen he had the honor of being the HOBY Leadership Conference representative for his sophomore class at University of Rochester and as a Junior was a Representative at Boys State at SUNY

Morrisville. He is a junior Board member at the Gillam-Grant Community Center. As a Junior Board member, Adam was able to help the community tremendously by volunteering countless hours to benefit the center, and ran two free youth soccer clinics for the Gillam-Grant Community Center. He is also a Certified Soccer Official. Adam received an Academic Varsity Letter, the NYSED Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, the Baush and Lomb Science Award and was awarded a Trustees Scholarship and Honors Scholarship from St. John Fisher College. Adam is the son of Gary and Amy Drake and plans to attend St. John Fisher College to major in Sports Management.



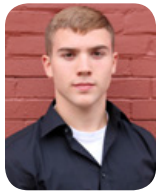
**Annaliese Hersom** is the Vice President of National Honor Society and is the Treasurer of Student Council. She is also a member of Math League and Page Turners. She has participated in cross country, swimming, and track for four years. Throughout her time on cross country, her team won GRLs twice and placed second in Section V her senior year. This year for swimming Anna was part of the relay team that broke the 200 free relay school record; she was also an All-Star. For all four years of High School she was a Tri-Athlete and a Scholar Athlete. Anna has received

the George Eastman Young Leaders Award, an Academic Varsity Letter, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, and the RIT Computing Award. Anna has volunteered at her church, the Gillam-Grant Community Center, and the school including the blood drive. She was also chosen in her junior year to become an American Legion Auxiliary Empire Girls State representative. Anna is the daughter of Cheryl and Walter Hersom and plans to attend Alfred State College for Forensic Science in the fall.



**Hunter Leach** was a member of the Varsity soccer and wrestling teams. He's been a percussionist in the school band for the last five years. He has been a member of Ski and Snowboard Club for four years. He attended four years of Youth Leadership conferences. Hunter has received an Academic Varsity Letter, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, the Xerox Scholarship, he was awarded the Principal's Award, Brian R. Ivison Memorial Award Trophy and Wrestler of the Week.

This past summer Hunter attended Basic Combat Training for the U.S. Army at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. After graduation he will be returning to Missouri to complete the Military Police Academy. When he returns home he will attend college at SUNY Brockport.



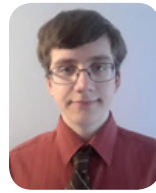
**Jared Fregoe** has been a baritone player in the B-B band for for the last six years. He has been a part of National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society for four years. He participates in Varsity wrestling, was a four year starter on the team and received the Paul Smith Memorial Wrestling Award and the Scholar Athlete Award. Jared placed two times at the Section V State Qualifier tournament and is a two-time Genesee Region Champ and 2019 Wrestling All-Star. He has also been a member

of the B-B Mock Trial team for three years now and is a two time Genesee Region finalist. Jared earned the honor of Eagle Scout this past year. He has been a member of the Scouts of America ever since he was eight years old and continues to love the outdoors. Jared has been of a recipient of the Principal's Award, Superintendent Award, Social Studies Department Award, Bergen Historical Society Award, Marines Distinguished Athlete Award, R.I.T. Innovation and Creativity Award, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, USMC Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence, and 2019 B-B Most Outstanding Heavyweight Wrestler. Jared is the son of Lisa and Lee Fregoe and plans on continuing his academic and wrestling career at SUNY Brockport.



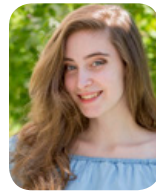
**MacKenzie Rosse** is a member of National Honor Society and Varsity Club where she serves as Treasurer. Throughout her High School career, she participated in soccer, cheerleading, and tennis. As a senior she was recognized as a Genesee Region All-Star in cheerleading. MacKenzie also participates in dance outside of school where she dances competitively. She hopes to continue to dance in college. MacKenzie has taken part of many community service opportunities including the blood drive,

canned food drive, and cleaning up trash on the beaches of Lake Ontario. She has received her Tri-Athlete and Scholar Athlete awards. She also received an Academic Varsity Letter, Stephanie Lynn Tooley Cheerleading Scholarship, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, the Art Department Award, and the George H. Ball Scholarship from Keuka College her junior year. MacKenzie is the daughter of Sheri and Dave Rosse and plans on attending Genesee Community College majoring in Health Studies, eventually working toward a degree in Radiologic Technology.



**Benjamin Bowman** is a member of National Technical Honor Society. He participated in the Robotics Club for two years, where they competed in the FIRST Tech Challenge. During his junior year in BOCES for Electronics & Computer Technology, he competed in the SkillsUSA Electronics Technology competitions, earning first place in the Regional and State competitions. For his senior year in BOCES, he is taking Programming and Interactive Media, where he enjoys working

with the virtual reality headset. Ben is the recipient of the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering Award and the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence. Ben is the son of Heather and Timothy Bowman. He plans to attend Monroe Community College for Computer Science.



**Leah Gale** has been a part of National Honor Society, Student Council, Math League, Page Turners, Scholastic Bowl, Spanish Club, Singing Silhouettes, and Mock Trial during her High School career at Byron-Bergen. She has also participated in soccer, basketball, and softball. Leah has done a lot of volunteer work in the community, including at the Byron-Bergen Public Library and mission work. She has received many awards throughout High School which include the BBCS Health

Department Award, University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award, the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, and the Principal's Award. Leah is the daughter of Carrie and Cortney Gale. She plans to attend St. Bonaventure University for International Business.



**Lydia Campbell** is a member of National Honor Society, President of Varsity Club, and Vice President of the senior class. She has completed Health Careers Academy through BOCES her senior year. She has participated in Varsity soccer and cheerleading for four years. She has received her Tri-Athlete and Scholar Athlete Awards. In her junior year she received the Health Department Award and the George H. Ball Scholarship for Keuka College. For her senior year she received her Academic

Varsity Letter, the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, and the Principal's Award. She volunteered at the YMCA in Batavia, has helped at school with the blood drive and canned food drive. Lydia is the daughter of Kari Campbell and plans to attend Niagara University to major in Nursing.

# Congratulations, GRADUATES



## CLASS OF 2019 GRADUATES

**PEYTON D. ARMISON**

Career Interest  
Wildlife Management

**AARON R. BARNUM**

Career Interest  
Music Technology

**DAREN A. BARRON**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
Sports Management

**CORY M. BATER**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
Business

**SARAH M. BLEILER**

Elmira College  
Early Childhood Education

**BENJAMIN J. BOWMAN**

SUNY Monroe  
Community College  
Computer Science

**NICHOLAS C. BROWN**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
General Studies

**STEPHANIE L. BUELL**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
Human Services

**LYDIA M. CAMPBELL**

Niagara University  
Nursing

**COLE E. CARLSON**

SUNY Cobleskill  
Agriculture Business Management

**MICHAEL A. CARUSO**

United States Marine Corps  
Poolee

**RYAN J. COOPER**

Army National Guard  
SUNY Brockport  
Military Police

**CALEB P. CURTS**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
Graphic Arts

**COLIN J. DAVIS**

Becker Construction  
Construction

**ANTHONY J. DIQUATTRO**

SUNY Brockport  
Undeclared

**SERENITY E. DONAHUE**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
General Studies

**ADAM R. DRAKE**

St. John Fisher College  
Sports Management

**JARED L. FREGOE**

SUNY Brockport  
Business

**TABITHA E. FULLER**

Keiser University  
Nursing

**LEAH E. GALE**

St. Bonaventure University  
Business

**EMMA J. GOODMAN**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
Business and Art

**DESTINY R. HENNING**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
General Studies

**DEMETRIUS M. HERRING, JR.**

Work

**ANNALIESE M. HERSOM**

SUNY Alfred State  
Forensic Science

**JASON M. HOEHN**

SUNY Fashion Institute  
of Technology  
Fashion Design

**JOSHUA A. HOHN**

Work

**REBECCA L. JOHNSON**

University of Kentucky  
Biomedical Engineering

**WILLIAM R. JOHNSON**

SUNY University at Buffalo  
Electrical Engineering

**VIKTORIA E. KHOMITCH**

SUNY Monroe  
Community College  
Health Studies

**ISAAC W. LADLEY**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
Business

**HUNTER W. LEACH**

Army National Guard  
SUNY Brockport  
Military Police

**ALEXANDRA M. LORD**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
Veterinary Technology

**TRINITY M. MADISON**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
Criminal Justice

**TRINITY E. MASKELL**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
General Studies

**DANIELLE M. MASON**

SUNY Monroe  
Community College  
Health Studies

**JANAE' M. MEISTER**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
Nursing

**KYLE W. O'GRADY**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
Web Design

**KEVIN M. PAASCH**

Career Interest  
Graphic Design

**ERIN J. PARNAPY**

SUNY Potsdam  
Theatre

**SABASTIAN A. PAWLUKEWICZ**

D'Youville College  
Physical Therapy

**JAMES C. ROGGOW**

United States Marine Corps  
Poolee

**MACKENZIE G. ROSSE**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
Health Studies

**DEKOTA P. SCHMIDT**

Premier Surfaces  
Countertop Installer

**BRIANNA L. SHADE**

Work

**ALEXANDER L. SMITH**

Jim Barnard Chevrolet  
Car Detailer

**EMMA C. SMITH**

Flagler University  
Undeclared

**LUCAS J. STUCCHIO**

Army National Guard  
Cavalry Scout

**LOGAN P. SUTTON**

Work and Travel

**WADE D. THOMPSON**

SUNY Genesee  
Business

**SHAWN TURNER**

Army National Guard  
SUNY Brockport  
Psychology

**REBECCA J. VELASCO**

SUNY Corning  
Community College  
Special Education

**HUNTER J. WADE**

Local 158 Union  
Heavy Equipment

**JOSHUA T. WHALIN**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
Business

**MICHAEL A. WILDSCHUTZ, JR.**

Work

**HOLLEYANN R. WINDER**

Genesee Valley Educational  
Partnership (GVEP)  
Licensed Practical Nurse

**KYONG-AE L. YUN**

Genesee Valley Educational  
Partnership (GVEP)  
West Program

**JONATHAN T. ZITTEL**

SUNY Genesee  
Community College  
Graphic Arts



## News from the Board

If April showers bring May flowers, June brings many activities to our schools. We have had awards, induction ceremonies, fairs, class trips, concerts, as well as everyone looking toward summer vacation.

We have had an incredible year with some lifelong memories made along the way. We've celebrated Sectional sports teams, Scholar Athletes, phenomenal music productions, and clubs that have done great in competitions. We've welcomed authors, broken school records, made some headway with the Capital Project, and had a STEAM Fair. There have been art shows, contest winners that have included our students, teachers, and school district. We also have students and families that supported our community and helped those we don't know by taking part in the Community Action Day, The Wounded Warrior Project, donations and fundraisers who benefit Wilmont Cancer Foundation, Crossroads House, and the new Genesee County K-9 Officer Frankie. These activities just scratch the surface of Byron-Bergen. What a year!

The Board would like to congratulate our students who will be representing Byron-Bergen at both Girls and Boys State. It will be an experience they will never forget. The Board of Education recently had the pleasure of meeting the Top 10 students along with their families at a Board meeting. We wish them, along with the entire graduating class of 2019, much success as they start this next new chapter of their lives.

We would like to say thank you to our retiring staff Chuck Bishop, Marsha Crawford, Andrew Doll, Marian Gerhardy, Mary Muscarella, Rick Pastecki, Debra Shultz, Peggy Snyder, Faline Tyler, and Jodie Vandelay for making a difference in so many of our student's lives over many years.

Lastly, a heartfelt "THANKYOU" to our community for continuing to support our school with the positive budget vote this year. We are always grateful for your continued support.

Enjoy your summer.

*Debra List*

Debra List, President  
Byron-Bergen Board of Education

## Retirees

The Elementary School cafeteria says goodbye to three staff members who have created a happy and healthy eating environment for a combined 60 years.



(l-r) Mary Muscarella, Peggy Snyder, Marsha Crawford.

**MARY MUSCARELLA**  
After 34 years in food service at BBCSD, Mary Muscarella retires this June. She will miss the teachers and students, but most of all, her coworkers. In retirement, she plans to take it one day at a time and enjoy spending lots of time with her grandkids.

**PEGGY SNYDER**

For 21 years, Peggy Snyder has been part of the food service team. She enjoys working with the students and will miss her coworkers. In retirement, she plans to travel. Next October, she will visit the Mexican Riviera!

**MARSHA CRAWFORD**

Marsha Crawford has worked in food service at BBCSD for five years. In that time, she loved seeing and listening to the students every day. Her love of children extends into her retirement as she plans to spend lots of time with her children and grandchildren.

**RICK PASTECKI**

After 31 years with the Byron-Bergen School District, Elementary School Counselor Rick Pastecki retires in June. Although he has no plans for his retirement, he is excited to see another side of life.



His favorite memories will be of working with the students and the wonderful humor of his colleagues.

"This District has been wonderful for me," Pastecki said. "The best part has been working with parents who used to be my students."

BEST WISHES ON YOUR

*Retirement*



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## Retirees

### DREW DOLL

After a decade, Drew Doll retires from his position as Transportation Coordinator this June. Prior to joining the Byron-Bergen team, Doll spent more than 25 years working for supermarkets.



“It has been an ideal second career,” said Doll. “The community accepted me in a warm way and always supports education.”

“Without question I am most proud of our entire staff of drivers, monitors, mechanics, and office staff who make this a safe space for our students by providing outstanding commitment to student safety every day, every year, in all kinds of weather, and regardless of the road difficulties they encounter.”

Doll and his wife of 47 years Linda, plan on taking to the road in their new motorhome. Their travels will include many national parks, Alaska, Canada, and southern California to visit their son and his family. They will spend January through March in Florida where, in his spare time, Doll will continue his 21-year career as a professional chauffeur.

### CHUCK BISHOP

Chuck Bishop started driving a Byron-Bergen school bus 14 years ago. This June he will pass on his keys and head down the road to retirement.

“Kids are kids,” said Bishop. “They require patience and a firm hand but I will miss them.”

In retirement, Bishop plans to tend to his two dogs and eleven acres of land. He also will make time to play golf, go fishing, and be a substitute bus driver for Pavilion.



(l-r) Chuck Bishop, Debbie Shultz.

### DEBBIE SHULTZ

Debbie Shultz retired in January after 23 years of driving a school bus for Byron-Bergen, a job she loved.

“If you love what you do, you’ll never work a day in your life,” said Shultz. “That’s how I feel. I would have driven the bus for free.”

Retirement has been an adjustment. Shultz misses the students and parents but is enjoying spending more time with her grandchildren and her church and, especially, staying inside on cold mornings.

### FALINE TYLER

Faline Tyler’s career with BBCSD began 24 years ago when she was hired to work in the Elementary School cafeteria. In the more than two decades since, she has worked as a one on one aide, a fifth grade aide, a nurse’s aide, and an office aide. Additionally, she has costumed many musicals, altered prom dresses, baked cakes for sport teams, and created many athlete rewards such as hats, scarves, pillows, and senior centerpieces.



In retirement, she plans to spend time with her two granddaughters and continue her family’s tradition of showing draft horses. She is also launching a grant-funded sewing program through her church with a goal to create charity pieces and teach the craft to younger participants.

“Over the years, I have had so many wonderful students touch my life. I have always said, ‘Good kids do great things,’ and B-B kids are the very best. They will forever be in my heart.”

### MARIAN GERHARDY

Marian Gerhardy retired in March after 25 years with the District and 30 years as a public school teacher. She remained teaching social studies, psychology, government, and economics through the end of the academic year to ensure her students finish with the best education. During her career, in addition to her teaching duties, she coached soccer, basketball, softball, and was integral in launching and coaching the Varsity volleyball program.



“This is the best it could have been,” said Gerhardy. “The whole point of teaching is to make a difference. I taught life skills in this classroom but I also taught compassion. I hope it mattered.”

Gerhardy is looking forward to volunteering and traveling in retirement. She plans to visit every state and every national park, as well as traveling to Italy and Greece. She is also excited to abandon the alarm clock that awoke her at 5 a.m. every school day for 25 years.

“I appreciate having taught here. I like this district. People really care about their children and it makes a difference.”



## Superintendent's Message

By Mickey Edwards

I would like to address our graduates with my final message of the 2018-19 academic year: Congratulations on everything you have achieved! This is your moment to leave Byron-Bergen High School and become citizens of the world. It makes no difference if you head to the other side of the globe or across the street. Take the tools you gained here and carve out your place in society.

Once a Bee, always a Bee. This phrase is more than a hashtag or a t-shirt logo. It is a promise that, although our community may be small, we always have your back. In return, we ask that you remember the lessons learned here. Our mission is to inspire, prepare, and support you, using the values of compassion, humility, kindness, and persistence. Leave here with the vision to change the world. This training will serve you well - no matter what you set out to do or where you end up.



As a former Marine, I take pride that so many of our graduates have chosen to enter military service. Success will take hard work and dedication, but also humility. The world is big. Have the humility to learn from new experiences and, in turn, inspire others to learn from you. In doing this, you will change the world for the better.

To those leaving the area to work, travel, or continue their education, be persistent. You can take on any challenges the world holds for you. Be kind, and the world will reflect kindness back on you. In doing this, you will change the world for the better.

Byron-Bergen is a special community, so it is not surprising that many graduates will stay local to begin their careers or attend school. As your role in the community changes from student to citizen, treat your fellow community members with respect and compassion. You are the future of this community. It is yours to nurture and grow for future Bees. In doing this, you will change the world for the better.

We have prepared you. You are ready. You are the Byron-Bergen Bees of the Class of 2019. Don't just go out there and change the world. Go out there and change the world like a Bee.

## Jr./Sr. High School Happenings

By Patrick McGee, Principal

The spring is full of great events recognizing our students. I was fortunate to attend our Jr. High Spring Concert, Sr. High Chorale and Singing Silhouettes Concert, Sr. High Band Concert, and our amazing Buzzin' Bistro. Our students' talent was on full display. Kudos to our wonderful music and arts programs for the great opportunities they provide to our students. On May 30<sup>th</sup> we recognized our students and athletes at our annual Academic/Athletic Awards night. I am so impressed with the success of our students in the classroom and in athletics. We are proud to be in our second year of FFA. On May 15<sup>th</sup> we celebrated our second annual FFA Awards night. Thank you to Jeff Parnapy and our FFA students for putting this great event on.

Our BOCES program offers a wide variety of opportunities for our 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders in fields such as graphic and culinary arts, building trades, cosmetology, health dimensions, and legal academy, just to name a few. One of my favorite events at the end of the year is attending the Open House for the Building Trades program. Byron-Bergen



students in this program worked on building a new house from the ground up. The finished product, a brand new house. This is authentic, hands on learning at its best. I am so proud of the work these students accomplished. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, I attended our BOCES Awards Night. We take great pride in partnering with our GVEP BOCES and providing these hands on opportunities for our students. This was another wonderful night recognizing our students in these programs they thrive in.

One of the most fulfilling parts of my job is watching our seniors graduate. Over the last few months we get to share many great moments with our seniors such as the

prom, our senior trip to Peek'n Peak, senior breakfast, our annual senior walk through the Elementary School, and of course, graduation. I've also had the privilege to watch our seniors during their exit projects and through senior interviews. I am confident they are ready to be successful as they leave Byron-Bergen and head into their pathways. I have known many of these students for more than eight years. I am so proud of their growth and wish them the best of luck in the future. Our future looks bright!

Lastly, this school year has flown by. I am so lucky to work at a school that is as supportive as Byron-Bergen. Thank you to our community, families, our staff, but most of all our student body. I truly appreciate coming to work with the best of the best every day and am honored to serve in my role as Principal of the Jr./Sr. High School. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 585-494-1220 ext. 2401, email me at [pmcgee@bbschools.org](mailto:pmcgee@bbschools.org), or stop in to see me. We are Byron-Bergen!



## Scholar Program

The Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School's academic incentive program recognizes students for their good effort, attendance, and academics. This reward program is named the "Scholar Program" and the cards achieved are Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Special Recognition. At the end of the year, monetary awards are presented at Academic & Athletic Recognition Night to seniors who have maintained a solid record of attaining cards throughout their high school career.

**The Scholar Program Committee is pleased to announce the 2018-19 third marking period recipients:**

### Gold Scholar Card

Corin Abdella  
 Julianna Amesbury  
 Caitlin Ashton  
 Cassidy Ball  
 Brody Baubie  
 Nicholas Baubie  
 Trevor Beale  
 Justine Bloom  
 Dayanara Caballero  
 Siomara Caballero  
 Cameron Carlson  
 Caris Carlson  
 Emily Chaback  
 Braedyn Chambry  
 Tyler Chapman  
 Jonah Clare  
 Aidan Clark  
 Richard Denson  
 Grayson Erion  
 Joshua Fleming  
 Kyle Foeller  
 Sara Fraser

Gabrielle Graff  
 Eden Goff  
 Emma Goodman  
 Sara Goodman  
 Annaliese Hersom  
 Frank Hersom  
 Hope Hersom  
 Makala Hoopengardner  
 Rick Hubbard  
 Kelly Ireland  
 Brooke Jarkiewicz  
 William Johnson  
 Kaidance Kimble  
 Cambria Kinkelaar  
 Colby Leggo  
 Hanna Loewke  
 Colin Martin  
 Janae' Meister  
 Jillian Menzie  
 Stephanie Onderdonk  
 Andrew Parnapy  
 Valerie Pastore  
 Kendall Phillips

Madelynn Pimm  
 Victoria Rogoyski  
 MacKenzie Rosse  
 Brianna Salmonds  
 Wyatt Sando  
 Elli Schelemanow  
 Alexandria Schuck  
 Auburn Schwartzmeyer  
 Travis Shallenberger  
 Caleb Sharpe  
 Grace Shepard  
 Chloe Shuskey  
 Deacon Smith  
 Alayna Streeter  
 Garrett Swinter  
 Matthew Tanner  
 Ella VanValkenburg  
 Morgan Vincent  
 Leyna Wheeler  
 Hannah Wies  
 Corden Zimmerman  
 Nathan Zwerka

### Silver Scholar Card

Jason Bleiler  
 Makenzie Eccleston  
 Chad Green  
 Grace Huhn  
 Melissa MacCowan  
 Ryan Muscarella  
 Nathan Parsons  
 Brendan Pimm  
 Abigail Raccuia  
 Sarah Sue Streeter  
 Isabelle Stevens  
 Isabella Wilder  
 Lydia Zaffrann

### Bronze Scholar Card

Ashley Weit  
 Emma Will

### Special Recognition Card

Autumn Hafner

## Pesticide Application Notice

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation enacted a program that requires all schools to provide you with information about pesticide product applications made throughout the school year. Under State law, the school is required to maintain a list of parents, guardians, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour advance written notice prior to a pesticide application.

To register your name with the school to be on a 48-hour notification list, send a request to Byron-Bergen Central School District Office, 6917 W Bergen Rd., Bergen, NY 14416. A written request must be submitted annually.





# School Resource Officer Update

Congratulations to the Byron-Bergen student body and staff for making this another great year here at Byron-Bergen. As you all might have heard, there are a lot of exciting changes happening here in our District with the Capital Improvement Project.

I am pleased announce that the Byron-Bergen Central School and the Genesee County Sheriff's Office will be teaming up again to offer the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Teen Sheriff's Academy here July 22- 26, 2019. Last year's academy was a huge success so we decided to bring it back. The Teen Sheriff's Academy consists of instruction from experienced Deputy Sheriffs designed to provide high school aged students within our community an in depth view of the Sheriff's Office organization and law enforcement work in general. Students will participate in our ride along program prior to the academy, then participate in the week long structured academy setting. Activities include: daily physical fitness, classroom instruction on NYS Penal Law and Vehicle and Traffic Law, visits to the jail, 911 Center and Sheriff's Office. Teens will also participate in role playing exercises with traffic stops, K-9 demonstrations, evidence recovery, accident reconstruction, and our emergency response team demos.



# Buzzin' Bistro

On Friday, April 26, the HS cafeteria and PD Center were packed with community members excited to see an amazing display of visual art and musical performances. In addition to a gallery presentation of grades 4 through 12 visual art, the evening included the District's three jazz bands, the Elementary School Jazz Chorus, the Singing Silhouettes, a music faculty ensemble, a student piano solo, and student rock band BB Dang featuring Byron-Bergen's own Cameron Carlson on bass. Between the interactive art creations and the conga line, it was one of the best Bistros yet.

***Congratulations to all involved!***



## Summer Meals ALL KIDS EAT FREE!

**No paperwork necessary, Must be 18 or under for free meals**

**Monday – Friday, July 8th – Aug 9th, 2019**

*Please Call 494-1220 ext.1015 for more info*

**Byron-Bergen Food Service Summer Feeding Program**

## 2019 SUMMER MEALS SITES

**Site and times:**

**Byron Bergen High School**

**Breakfast - 8:30 to 9:15 am • Lunch - 11 am to 12 pm**

**Byron Town Park Lunch Only - 12 to 12:30 pm**

**Bergen Hickory Park Lunch Only - 12 to 12:30 pm**

*For lunch at the park Please Register with the Park Program*





## Spring 2019 Scholar-Athletes

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) honors students that excel in the classroom at the end of each sport season. To receive this honor, each individual Varsity athlete must achieve a scholastic average of 90 or above grade-point average (GPA) during their sport season. Congratulations to the following Byron-Bergen spring season athletes:

### Baseball 90.83

Peyton Armison  
 Nicholas Baubie  
 Alexander Brumsted  
 Jose Tirado Cardona  
 Jonah Clare  
 Ryan Cooper  
 Alexander Dean  
 Gianni Ferrara  
 Jared Fregoe  
 Sabastian Pawlukewicz  
 Lucas Stucchio

### Softball 91.22

Julianna Amesbury  
 Alyssa Ball  
 Sarah Bleiler  
 Jacey Donahue  
 Tabitha Fuller  
 Kelly Ireland  
 Kendall Phillips  
 Chloe Shuskey  
 Rebecca Velasco  
 Alexandra Vurraro  
 Annabella Vurraro

### Tennis 93.65

Caitlin Ashton  
 Kyle Foeller  
 Sara Fraser  
 Matthew Gonyea  
 Rose Hubbard  
 Cambria Kinkelaar  
 Colby Leggo  
 John Mercovich  
 Samuel Pringle  
 Mason Singer  
 Peter Smith  
 Ella VanValkenburg  
 Nathan Zwerka

### Track & Field Boys 90.29

Corin Abdella  
 Jared Barnum  
 Caleb Calhoun  
 Aidan Clark  
 Lincoln McGrath  
 Andrew Parnapy  
 Clayton Sadler  
 Caleb Sharpe  
 Joshua Tardy  
 Bryce Yockel  
 Braeden Zimmerman  
 Corden Zimmerman

### Track & Field Girls 92.23

Rachel Best  
 Dayanara Caballero  
 Siomara Caballero  
 Hannah Catalino  
 Zoey Chambry  
 Sadie Cook  
 Veronica Duell  
 Eden Goff  
 Mackenzie Hagen  
 Angelique Heick  
 Annaliese Hersom  
 Hope Hersom  
 Carli Kirkwood  
 Julia Pangrazio  
 Alaura Rehwaldt  
 Victoria Rogoyski  
 Alayna Streeter  
 Sarah Sue Streeter  
 Miriam Tardy

### Golf 92.30

Braedyn Chambry  
 Chad Green  
 Zachary Hannan  
 Ryan Muscarella  
 Brendan Pimm  
 Wyatt Sando  
 Wade Thompson





## 2019 Awards & Scholarships

This list includes special recognition awards presented to Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School students at “Academic & Athletic Awards Night”, at the spring concerts, and the “Batavia Career and Technical Center Awards Night” (*Awards and scholarships given at graduation are not included here.*)

### Academic and Athletic Awards Night

#### Academic Varsity Letters

Caitlin Ashton  
Lydia Campbell  
Alexander Dean  
Sara Fraser  
Annaliese Hersom  
Hunter Leach  
Jillian Menzie  
Sabastian Pawlukewicz  
MacKenzie Rosse  
Chloe Shuskey  
Wade Thompson  
Annabella Vurraro

#### Academic Varsity Letters and Pins

Siomara Caballero  
Adam Drake  
Emma Goodman

#### Academic Varsity Pins

William Johnson

#### Alfred University Kazuo Inamori Alfred Award

Cambria Kinkelaar

#### U of R Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award

Sara Fraser

#### Bergen Historical Society Award

Jared Fregoe

#### Brian R. Ivison Memorial Industrial Arts Award

Isaac Ladley

#### Brian R. Ivison Memorial Wrestling Award

Hunter Leach

#### The Byron-Bergen S.T.E.P. Booster Humanitarian Leadership Scholarship

MacKenzie Rosse

#### Byron-Bergen Sports Booster Scholar Athlete Award

Jared Fregoe  
Annaliese Hersom

#### The Clarkson University High School Achievement Award

Grant Williams

#### The Clarkson University High School Leadership Award

Cambria Kinkelaar

#### Community Achievement Award from Keuka College

Alexander Dean  
Mikaela Hubler  
Caleb Sharpe  
Chloe Shuskey  
Miriam Tardy

#### Dartmouth Alumni Club Book Award

Siomara Caballero

#### Dawn Gruendike Memorial Award

William Johnson

#### Duane Streeter Memorial Award

Janaè Meister

#### The Elmira College Key Awards

Caitlin Ashton, Jacey Donahue

#### The Emily Reis Memorial Scholarship

Annaliese Hersom

#### The Faculty Department Award

Cassidy Ball  
Jack Benstead  
Alexander Brumsted  
Cameron Carlson  
Caris Carlson  
Braedyn Chambry  
Tyler Chapman  
Jared Fregoe  
Chloe Gilbert  
Emily Gonyea  
Hope Hersom  
Rose Hubbard  
William Johnson  
Cambria Kinkelaar  
Jillian Menzie  
Nathan Parsons  
Kendall Phillips  
Abigail Raccuia  
MacKenzie Rosse  
Hannah Seppe  
Annabella Vurraro  
Ava Wagoner

#### Female Athlete of the Year

Miriam Tardy

#### Firemen’s Association of the State of New York

Dana VanValkenburg

#### U of R Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award in Humanities and Social Sciences

Siomara Caballero

#### Gary Liles Memorial Award Trophy

Janaè Meister

#### U of R George Eastman Young Leaders Award

Annabella Vurraro

#### Male Athlete of the Year

Anthony DiQuattro



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## 2019 Awards & Scholarships

**The Matthew Kota  
Memorial Scholarship**  
Zachary Hannan

**Matthew Kota Memorial  
Medical Scholarship**  
Tabitha Fuller

**NYS Comptroller  
Achievement Award**  
Shawn Turner

**Paul Smith Memorial  
Wrestling Award**  
Jared Fregoe

**The President's Award for  
Educational Excellence**  
Benjamin Bowman  
Lydia Campbell  
Adam Drake  
Jared Fregoe  
Leah Gale  
Emma Goodman  
Annaliese Hersom  
William Johnson  
Hunter Leach  
Sabastian Pawlukewicz  
MacKenzie Rosse  
Wade Thompson

**Principal's Award**  
Lydia Campbell  
Caris Carlson  
Hannah Catalino  
Kelly Ireland  
Victoria Rogoyski  
Grace Shepard

**The Rensselaer Medalist Award**  
Siomara Caballero

**The RIT Computing Award**  
Caitlin Ashton  
Garrett Swinter

**The RIT Innovation  
& Creativity Award**  
Jillian Menzie  
Nathan Zwerka

**Samuel Landis Wiant Golf Award**  
Wyatt Sando

**Saint Michael's Book Award  
for Academic Achievement  
& Social Science**  
Sara Fraser  
Hannah VanSkiver

**Scholar Program Awards**  
Emma Goodman  
William Johnson

**The Stephanie Lynn Tooley  
Cheerleading Scholarship**  
MacKenzie Rosse

**Superintendent's Award**  
Jared Fregoe

**Triple "C" Award**  
Zachary Hannan

**US Marine Corps  
Scholastic Excellence Award**  
Caleb Sharpe

**US Marine Corps Semper  
Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence**  
Jared Fregoe

**US Marine Corps  
Distinguished Athlete Award**  
Anthony DiQuattro

**Wanda L. MacVean English  
Recognition Award**  
Jason Hoehn

**Wells College 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Leadership Award**  
Isabella Wilder

**U of R Xerox Award for  
Innovation & Information Technology**  
Justine Bloom



**The Band Award**  
Sarah Bleiler  
Jared Fregoe

**Band & Chorus Achievement Award**  
Sarah Bleiler

**Byron-Bergen Music  
Booster Scholarship**  
Sarah Bleiler  
Emma Goodman  
Jason Hoehn  
Hunter Leach  
Erin Parnapy

**Byron-Bergen Musical Theater Award**  
Sarah Bleiler  
Jason Hoehn  
Erin Parnapy

**Choral Award**  
Sarah Bleiler  
Jason Hoehn

**John Philip Sousa Award**  
Isaac Ladley

**Most Improved Choral Award**  
Leah Gale  
Danielle Mason  
Erin Parnapy  
Raymond Scott

**Choral Samaritan Award**  
Jason Hoehn

**Vince Zarcone Music Scholarship**  
Nicholas Brown  
Isaac Ladley

**"Batavia Career and  
Technical Center Awards"**

**Gene Haas Foundation Scholarship**  
James Roggow

**James P. Donnelly Award**  
Lucas Stucchio

**Health Dimensions Most  
Improved Award**  
Viktoria Khomitch



## Byron-Bergen 2018-19 third quarter Honor Roll

### GRADE 7:

**HIGH HONOR ROLL** – Brody Baubie, Trevor Beale, Braedyn Chambry, Tyler Chapman, Hallie Coleman, Grayson Erion, Gabrielle Graff, Mackenzie Hagen, Makala Hoopengardner, Kaidance Kimble, Callista Kinkelaar, Hanna Loewke, Colin Martin, Lincoln McGrath, Stephanie Onderdonk, Nathan Parsons, Carter Prinzi, Victoria Rogoyski, Travis Shallenberger, Dylan Shanley, Riley Sharpe, Malachi Smith, Lydia Zaffrann, Megan Zwerka

**HONOR ROLL** – Coral Allbright, Emma Balduf, Carlee Barons, Kylee Baxter, Daniels Dawson, Chloe Gilbert, Autumn Hafner, Hendrik Haymon, Aurora Hiscutt, Dru Nowatchik, Brendan Pimm, Quintin Rich, Emma Starowitz, Liliana Vanegas, Lukas Volkmar, Natalie Zastrocky, Sawyer Zinter

**EFFORT ROLL** – Brody Baubie, Kylee Baxter, Trevor Beale, Braedyn Chambry, Grayson Erion, Gabrielle Graff, Mackenzie Hagen, Hendrik Haymon, Makala Hoopengardner, Kaidance Kimble, Callista Kinkelaar, Hanna Loewke, Colin Martin, Lincoln McGrath, Stephanie Onderdonk, Nathan Parsons, Carter Prinzi, Lynnea Rehberg, Victoria Rogoyski, Travis Shallenberger, Dylan Shanley, Riley Sharpe, Emma Starowitz, Connor Windhauser, Lydia Zaffrann, Megan Zwerka

### GRADE 8:

**HIGH HONOR ROLL** – Cassidy Ball, Jason Bleiler, David Brumsted, Fiona Burke, Dayanara Caballero, Cameron Carlson, Caris Carlson, Evan Cuba, Kendan Dressler, Frank Hersom, Ryan Muscarella, Valerie Pastore, Haydin Perez, Kendall Phillips, Elizabeth Piper, Abigail Raccuia, Austin Salmonds, Brianna Salmonds, Emily Salmonds, Alexandria Schuck, MacKenzie Senf, Zoey Shepard, Matthew Tanner, Ava Wagoner, Lillian Walker, Leyna Wheeler, Hannah Wies, Kaya Wildschutz

**HONOR ROLL** – Alyssa Ball, Molly Belknap, Jack Benstead, Robert Gaylord, Emily Henry, Alec Kulikowski, Matthew Olander, Victoria-Pearl Parnell, Andrew Rimmerman, Joshua Tardy, Emily Yun

**EFFORT ROLL** – Cassidy Ball, David Brumsted, Fiona Burke, Dayanara Caballero, Cameron Carlson, Caris Carlson, Evan Cuba, Frank Hersom, Ryan Muscarella, Valerie Pastore, Haydin Perez, Kendall Phillips, Elizabeth Piper, Abigail Raccuia, Austin Salmonds, Brianna Salmonds, Emily Salmonds, Alexandria Schuck, MacKenzie Senf, Zoey Shepard, Matthew Tanner, Joshua Tardy, Ava Wagoner, Lillian Walker, Leyna Wheeler, Hannah Wies, Kaya Wildschutz, Emily Yun, Nicholas Zwerka

### GRADE 9:

**HIGH HONOR ROLL** – Corin Abdella, Camryn Brookhart, Madison Burke, Caleb Carlson, Aidan Clark, Sadie Cook, Leanna Curts, Makenzie Eccleston, Grace Huhn, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Johnathon Klafehn, Danyel Nowatchik, Madelynn Pimm, Elli Schelemanow, Kyle Schramm, Grace Shepard, Alayna Streeter, Ella VanValkenburg, Kaitlyn Windhauser, Emily Zastrow, Corden Zimmerman

**HONOR ROLL** – Jared Barnum, Rachel Best, Caleb Calhoun, Angelique Heick, Meghan Kendall, Brenda Ramos Francisco, Jorie Strzelecki, Alexandra Vurraro, Kolbie Walker, Ashley Weit, Emma Will, Claire Williams

**EFFORT ROLL** – Corin Abdella, Rachel Best, Camryn Brookhart, Madison Burke, Payton Buzzell, Caleb Calhoun, Caleb Carlson, Aidan Clark, Sadie Cook, Leanna Curts, Makenzie Eccleston, Grace Huhn, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Meghan Kendall, Danyel Nowatchik, Madelynn Pimm, Elli Schelemanow, Grace Shepard, Alayna Streeter, Ella VanValkenburg, Alexandra Vurraro, Kolbie Walker, Claire Williams, Kaitlyn Windhauser, Emily Zastrow, Corden Zimmerman

### GRADE 10:

**HIGH HONOR ROLL** – Mya-Lyn Albanese, Nicholas Baubie, Bianca Brumsted, Emily Chaback, Jonah Clare, Richard Denson, Veronica Duell, Joshua Fleming, Eden Goff, Sara Goodman, Devon Heick, Hope Hersom, Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Colby Leggo, John Mercovich, Andrew Parnapy, Bryanne Puma, Alaura Rehwaldt, Skylar Sharpe, Joshua Swapceinski, Morgan Vincent

**HONOR ROLL** – Matthew Gonyea, Trebor Johnston, Aiden Kulikowski, Julia Pangrazio, Mason Singer, Deacon Smith, Sarah Sue Streeter, Xavier Thomas

**EFFORT ROLL** – Nicholas Baubie, Bianca Brumsted, Hallie Calhoun, Emily Chaback, Jonah Clare, Richard Denson, Veronica Duell, Joshua Fleming, Eden Goff, Sara Goodman, Devon Heick, Hope Hersom, Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Colby Leggo, John Mercovich, Andrew Parnapy, Bryanne Puma, Alaura Rehwaldt, Skylar Sharpe, Deacon Smith, Joshua Swapceinski, Morgan Vincent

### GRADE 11:

**HIGH HONOR ROLL** – Julianna Amesbury, Caitlin Ashton, Justine Bloom, Alexander Brumsted, Siomara Caballero, Hannah Catalino, Alexander Dean, Madison Farnsworth, Kyle Foeller, Sara Fraser, Emily Gonyea, Chad Green, Amaya Gunther, Zachary Hannan, Rick Hubbard, Rose Hubbard, Cambria Kinkelaar, Chad Kupfer, Jillian Menzie, Wyatt Sando, Auburn Schwartzmeyer, Caleb Sharpe, Chloe Shuskey, Garrett Swinter, Annabella Vurraro, Bryce Walker, Isabella Wilder, Grant Williams, Luke Williams, Nathan Zwerka

**HONOR ROLL** – Megan Bogue, Jefferson Bradley, Jacey Donahue, Kelsey Fuller, Mikaela Hubler, Travis Lambert, Melissa MacCowan, Enson Nieves, Samuel Pringle, Anastasija Rebisz, Clayton Sadler, Kevin Smith, Peter Smith, Brandon Stefanski, Isabelle Stevens, Miriam Tardy, Hannah VanSkiver, Bryce Yockel, Braeden Zimmerman

**EFFORT ROLL** – Julianna Amesbury, Caitlin Ashton, Justine Bloom, Ariana Bobzien, Megan Bogue, Sydney Brown, Alexander Brumsted, Siomara Caballero, Hannah Catalino, Alexander Dean, Madison Farnsworth, Kyle Foeller, Sara Fraser, Kelsey Fuller, Emily Gonyea, Chad Green, Amaya Gunther, Zachary Hannan, Coltin Henry, Rose Hubbard, Cambria Kinkelaar, Chad Kupfer, Travis Lambert, Melissa MacCowan, Jillian Menzie, Enson Nieves, Anastasija Rebisz, Wyatt Sando, Auburn Schwartzmeyer, Caleb Sharpe, Chloe Shuskey, Brandon Stefanski, Isabelle Stevens, Cameron Sweet, Garrett Swinter, Miriam Tardy, Annabella Vurraro, Isabella Wilder, Grant Williams, Luke Williams, Bryce Yockel, Nathan Zwerka

### GRADE 12:

**HIGH HONOR ROLL** – Benjamin Bowman, Lydia Campbell, Anthony DiQuattro, Adam Drake, Jared Fregoe, Tabitha Fuller, Leah Gale, Emma Goodman, Annaliese Hersom, Jason Hoehn, William Johnson, Janae' Meister, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, James Roggow, MacKenzie Rosse, Brianna Shade, Wade Thompson, Kyong-ae Yun

**HONOR ROLL** – Peyton Armison, Cory Bater, Sarah Bleiler, Nicholas Brown, Cole Carlson, Ryan Cooper, Joshua Hohn, Hunter Leach, Alexandra Lord, Kevin Paasch, Dekota Schmidt, Jose Cardona Tirado, Rebecca Velasco

**EFFORT ROLL** – Benjamin Bowman, Lydia Campbell, Cole Carlson, Ryan Cooper, Anthony DiQuattro, Adam Drake, Jared Fregoe, Tabitha Fuller, Leah Gale, Emma Goodman, Annaliese Hersom, Jason Hoehn, William Johnson, Trinitty Madison, Janae' Meister, Sabastian Pawlukewicz, James Roggow, MacKenzie Rosse, Brianna Shade, Wade Thompson, Jose Tirado Cardona, Rebecca Velasco

# GREAT JOB!



## National Senior Honor Society

The Byron-Bergen chapter of the National Honor Society recently welcomed 15 new student members to their distinguished company.

**2019 Inductees to the Byron-Bergen National Senior Honor Society:** Nicholas Baubie, Emily Chaback, Veronica Duell, Eden Goff, Sara Goodman, Hope Hersom, Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Colby Leggo, Andrew Parnapy, Byranne Puma, Alaura Rewaldt, Auburn Schwartzmeyer, Deacon Smith, and Sarah Sue Streeter.

**Current Members of the Byron-Bergen Senior National Honor Society:** Sarah Bleiler, Justine Bloom, Alexander Brumsted, Siomara Caballero, Lydia Campbell, Alexander Dean, Adam Drake, Sara Fraser, Jared Fregoe, Leah Gale, Emma Goodman, Anna Hersom, William Johnson, Cambria Kinkelaar, Jillian Menzie, MacKenzie Rosse, Brianna Shade, Chloe Shuskey, Garrett Swinter, Abby Vurraro, Isabella Wilder, and Nathan Zwerka.



*Byron-Bergen's 2019 National Senior Honor Society.*

## National Junior Honor Society

The Byron-Bergen chapter of the National Junior Honor Society recently welcomed 18 new students to their distinguished company.

**2019 Inductees to the Byron-Bergen National Junior Honor Society:** Brody Baubie, Trevor Beale, Braedyn Chamby, Tyler Chapman, Gabrielle Graff, Hendrik Haymon, Makala Hoopengardner, Callista Kinkelaar, Hanna Loewke, Colin Martin, Stephanie Onderdonk, Carter Prinzi, Victoria Rogoyski, Lydia Zaffrann, Elizabeth Piper, Alexandria Schuck, Matthew Tanner, and Caleb Calhoun

**Current Members of the Byron-Bergen National Junior Honor Society:** Cassidy Ball, Jared Barnum, Rachel Best, David Brumsted, Madison Burke, Dayanara Caballero, Caleb Carlson, Cameron Carlson, Caris Carlson, Aidan Clark, Sadie Cook, Evan Cuba, Leanna Curts, Kendan Dressler, Makenzie Eccleston, AngeliqHeick, Frank Hersom, Grace Huhn, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Meghan Kendall, Ryan Muscarella, Valerie Pastore, Kendall Phillips, Madelynn Pimm, Austin Salmonds, Brianna Salmonds, Emily Salmonds, Elli Schelemanow, MacKenzie Senf, Grace Shepard, Zoey Shepard, Alayna Streeter, Ella Van Valkenburg, Lexi Vurraro, Ava Wagoner, Lillian Walker, Leyna Wheeler, Hannah Wies, Claire Williams, Corden Zimmerman, and Nicholas Zwerka



*Byron-Bergen's 2019 National Junior Honor Society.*



# Elementary School News

By Brian Meister, Principal

Another fun and exciting year of learning has come to an end at the Elementary School. We have much to celebrate. From award winning student authors, artists, and story tellers to our amazing STEAM Fair and Geography Bee participants, our students made the most this year.

As the school year winds down, I always take the opportunity to remind parents that there is much to learn in the summer months. I encourage parents to spend time with their children and talk about anything and everything. After a long day of play, ask them what they did, why they did it, and what they liked best. These conversations strengthen loving relationships and help students learn valuable communication skills. This is true for students of all ages. Have those tweens put down their devices and talk.

Each year I send out information about the importance of maintaining a literacy rich environment throughout the summer months. A common trend in academic achievement and literacy is something called “the summer slide” or summer regression. Throughout the year we carefully monitor student achievement and are excited about the growth students make from September to June. Unfortunately, research has shown that students who do not engage in language rich literacy activities for a sustained period of time encounter a stagnation or decline in their reading skills. Fortunately, there is an easy solution and one that will further strengthen family ties. Keep your kids’ reading throughout the summer and whenever possible read with them. I know firsthand how busy summer can be with kids and their many activities. So here are a few suggestions to be sure to keep them reading:

- Read at the same time each day.
- Make it a manageable timeframe. 10-20 minutes is plenty.
- Choose books that are familiar and well within their reading level.



- Avoid frustration. The goal this summer is to not regress. If you are looking to advance your reader, be careful not to turn them away from reading.
- If the book is frustrating, read it to them. Listening to fluent readers helps students with their fluency.
- Have fun.

While there are many ways to infuse reading into your daily routine, here are five from the U.S Department of Education Blog. For more ideas and suggestions, please visit their website at <https://blog.ed.gov/2012/06/top-5-ways-to-prevent-rusty-summer-readers/>

I would once again like to thank all of the families and friends of Byron-Bergen Elementary for their ongoing support of our students and school. Have a great summer. I look forward to seeing you in the fall.



## SUBSTITUTES WANTED

Do you have an interest in helping Byron-Bergen CSD in the capacity of substitute teacher?

If so, please visit the employment section of our website at [www.bbschools.org](http://www.bbschools.org) and complete the non-instructional application and a Genesee County Civil Service application (teacher aide, office aide, food service worker), and instructional application (substitute teacher). Please submit the application (via mail or in person) to: P. Gunio – District Office, Byron-Bergen CSD, 6917 West Bergen Road, Bergen, NY 14416.



# First Annual STEAM Fair

Byron-Bergen Elementary School presented the First Annual STEAM Fair on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. STEAM students shared their accomplishments in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics with their schoolmates and community. The event was the culmination of months of learning, exploring, and creativity.

“The most amazing thing about this event is how accomplished the work is,” said Byron-Bergen Elementary School Principal Brian Meister. “The students really take ownership of the day. They supervise the games that they have designed, present the science and art projects that they completed, and are truly proud of their achievements. We are all proud.”

During the school day, students enjoyed activities including yoga ball plinko. The classic game of chance transformed into a fully interactive, outdoor, relay race as students rolled yoga balls down a hill of bumper posts to try to earn the most points in a given time period. While outside, students also learned how to reuse scavenged items to make new products like Big Head Boxes with visiting students from the Rochester Institute of Technology. Inside, students enjoyed face painting, math games, science project presentations, and a K-6 visual art exhibition.

In the evening, the event opened to the public featuring many of the day’s activities in addition to interactive robot basketball, a robot golf course designed by Byron-Bergen students, and virtual reality field trips.





STUDENT SHOWCASE



“Sunset”

*Pastel on Paper*

By: Benjamin Wilkins, grade 11  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



“Blue Butterfly”

*Colored Pencil on Paper*

By: Aiden Kulikowski, grade 10  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



“L”

*Clay and Glass Fusion*

By: Lincoln McGrath, grade 7  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



“Face”

*Clay and Glass Fusion – Eclectic Arts*

By: Peter Smith, grade 11  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



“Tiger”

*Mixed Media*

By: Elizabeth Merrick, grade 1  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



“Notre Dame”

*Mixed Media*

By: Kasey Pagels, grade 6  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio





## ***Music Notes***



Congratulations to the student musicians and we thank our Music Department teachers, Laurence Tallman, Kevin Bleiler, Robert Lancia, and Karen Tischer, for preparing each of them to perform at the following events this year:

### **Vocal and Instrumental Solo Festivals**

Several Byron-Bergen students performed individual solos at the Genesee-Wyoming Music Educators Association (GWMEA) annual Solo Festivals. Students prepared individual solos to perform before a judge specializing in voice or specific instruments. In addition, students had to sight-read literature. This unique opportunity provides students with a chance receive feedback as solo performers, as opposed to performers in a group setting. Judges provide feedback based on the individual musician's tone quality, preparedness, performance ability, technique, and aesthetic quality, among other attributes. Students were selected to perform with the All-County Band and/or All-County Chorus based on their performance scores.



### **All-County participants**

#### **Senior High Band**

Sarah Goodman  
Cambria Kinkelaar  
Jillian Menzie  
Hannah Van Skiver  
Corden Zimmerman

#### **Senior High Vocal**

Sarah Bleiler  
Justine Bloom  
Kelly Ireland  
Erin Parnapy  
Deacon Smith  
Isabelle Stevens  
Hannah VanSkiver  
Isabella Wilder

#### **Junior High Band**

Cameron Carlson  
Stephanie Onderdonk  
Kendall Phillips  
Lillian Walker

#### **Junior High Vocal**

Jason Bleiler  
Fiona Burke  
Dayanara Caballero  
Hailey Canfield  
Cameron Carlson  
Sage Johnson  
Callista Kinkelaar  
Naomi Mathias  
Kendall Phillips  
Elizabeth Piper  
Abigail Raccuia  
Lillian Walker

#### **Elementary Band**

Zachary Brookhart  
Jake Carlson  
Kendall Chase  
Amber Cromey  
Owen Cuba  
Laura Curts  
Ava Goff  
Samuel Hersom  
Eva Jackson  
Jackson Lundfelt  
Maryn Meier  
Grace Mundell  
Alexander Raccuia  
Cade Rebisz  
Rose Wilson  
Tobias Zastrocky

#### **Elementary Chorus**

Jake Carlson  
Deborah Catalino  
Ada Clookey  
Owen Cuba  
Peyton Goodenbery  
Samuel Hersom  
Eva Jackson  
Adam Piper  
Cade Rebisz  
Hannah Wittman





# Two named to 2019 Byron-Bergen Alumni Hall of Fame

Byron-Bergen Central Schools has named two alumni to the district's Hall of Fame for 2019. Kenneth Hay (class of 1966) and Dennis DeVelder (class of 2001) join the ranks of other distinguished Byron-Bergen alumni honored with a place in the Alumni Hall of Fame for their achievements after graduation.

The Byron-Bergen Alumni Hall of Fame recognizes the accomplishments of the district's graduates, providing young people with positive adult role models and showing that graduates of Byron-Bergen can achieve high levels of accomplishment in their lives. This honor is in its 16<sup>th</sup> year and has become part of the school district culture. It is a permanent reminder to students about the outcome of hard work and diligence.



## KENNETH HAY – CLASS OF 1966

While attending Byron-Bergen, Mr. Hay participated in Concert Band, Concert Choir, Yearbook Club, and Wrestling. After graduating High School, Mr. Hay received his Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Fredonia State College, after which he continued with graduate work at Fredonia, Brockport, and Geneseo State Colleges, and the University of New Hampshire at Durham. He taught music at East Irondequoit, Alexander, and Batavia school districts. He started working as Batavia City High School Band Director from 1982 until his retirement in 2003, being named Music Department Chairman in 1991. Mr. Hay was instrumental in Batavia's concert and marching bands, jazz ensemble, and the musical pit orchestra. For many years, he organized the Pageant of Bands in Batavia to show the musical talents of high school bands. He directed the pit orchestra for Batavia Rotary Club productions for many years. Mr. Hay served as President of the Genesee-Wyoming Music Educators' Association and was a member of the New York State School Music Association. Accolades include Paul Harris Fellowship (awarded by the Rotary Club), University of Rochester's Teaching in Secondary Schools Award (1995), and recognition by Warner School of Education as being a Teacher of Excellence (2003). Mr. Hay shared his musical passion inspiring students to 'make music, not just play music,' and serves as a positive role model for the youth of Byron-Bergen.



## DENNIS DEVELDER (CLASS OF 2001)

While at Byron-Bergen, Mr. DeVelder participated in Baseball and Golf. After graduation, Mr. DeVelder worked for his family's lawncare business until July 2008 when he was diagnosed with brain cancer. After recovering from brain surgery, Mr. DeVelder began taking classes online at MCC. He eventually earned his Associate's Degree and went on to pursue his Bachelor's Degree in Finance at SUNY Brockport. Mr. DeVelder was inducted into Tau Sigma Honor Society and underwent a second brain surgery prior to graduation in May 2012. Following radiation treatment in the summer of 2012, Mr. DeVelder was hired at The Villa of Hope, an organization that provides trauma-informed care for youth and families in Rochester. Mr. DeVelder remains employed there as a Senior Accountant. He is passionate about raising money for cancer research at Wilmot Cancer Institute, co-chairing "The Coop Cup for Brain Cancer Research" (a golf tournament raising money for brain cancer research and a scholarship at Byron-Bergen in Clint Cooper's name – another Byron-Bergen alum) and participating in the Annual Wilmot Warrior Walk with his family. Living life to the fullest, Mr. DeVelder is an inspiration to the youth of Byron-Bergen.



## BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2019-2020

### July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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### August 2019

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### September 2019

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### October 2019

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### November 2019

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### December 2019

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### JULY & AUGUST

New Teacher Orientation August 28-29, 2019 ←  
Professional Development (non-tenured teachers) August 29, 2019 □

### HOLIDAYS/RECESSES

Independence Day - July 4, 2019  
Labor Day - September 2, 2019  
Columbus Day - October 14, 2019  
Veterans' Day - November 11, 2019  
Thanksgiving Recess - November 27-29, 2019  
Winter Recess - December 23, 2019 - January 3, 2020  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 20, 2020  
February Recess - February 17-21, 2020  
Spring Recess - April 6-13, 2020  
Memorial Day Recess - May 22-25, 2020

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - September 4, 2019 ☉

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - June 26, 2020 ◆

GRADUATION - June 27, 2020 ★

### TESTING SCHEDULE

August Regents - August 13 & 14, 2019  
January Regents - January 21-24, 2020  
3<sup>rd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> NYS ELA Testing- March 25-26, 2020  
3<sup>rd</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> NYS Math Testing - April 22-23, 2020  
4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Performance Science Test - May 27, 2020  
4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Written Science Test - June 1, 2020  
June Regents - June 2, June 17-19, June 22-25, 2020  
Regents Rating day - June 26, 2020

### SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAYS

\*\*\*NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS\*\*\*  
September 3, 2019 - Superintendent's Conference Day  
October 11, 2019 - Superintendent's Conference Day  
January 24, 2020 - Superintendent's Conference Day  
March 13, 2020 - Superintendent's Conference Day

### PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS

November 15, 2019 - 1/2 Day of School - PreK-12  
November 25, 2019 - 1/2 Day of School - PreK-6 (only)  
November 26, 2019 - 1/2 Day of School - PreK-6 (only)

### DAYS OF INSTRUCTION

September	19 + 1
October	21 + 1
November	17
December	15
January	18 + 1
February	15
March	21 + 1
April	16
May	19
June	20

$$181 + 4 = 185 \text{ Total}$$

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### January 2020

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### February 2020

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### March 2020

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### April 2020

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### May 2020

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### June 2020

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# FOCAL POINT

## SUPERINTENDENT

Mickey Edwards

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## PARANORMAL HIGH

On Friday, June 7, 2019, the Byron-Bergen Adapted Arts class premiered their original movie, *Paranormal High*. Taught by Jr./Sr. High Art Teacher Sandy Auer, the class incorporates visual and performing arts for special education students.

“This class traditionally puts on a play, but some of the students were nervous about performing before a live audience,” said Auer. “The project evolved into a movie. Everyone had a really fun time and we had 100% participation.”

The students developed the movie concept and wrote the script in which a specter is accidentally released into the Jr./Sr. High School as a result of the ongoing construction projects. The students worked

on the props and costumes and acted the major roles. They were joined in front of the camera by other Byron-Bergen students and staff, including a cameo by Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School Principal Pat McGee.

The Adapted Arts students hosted Byron-Bergen students and faculty in the Jr./Sr. High School Auditorium for the premiere. After an introduction from Auer, the 12-minute film screened to tumultuous applause followed by a reception with refreshments and the opportunity to congratulate the cast members.

“Watching the movie was fun and it was great to see smiling faces in the audience,” said senior Adapted Arts student Kae Yun.

